

WILL EUROPE GO INTO BANKRUPTCY

Paul Leroy Beaulieu, Distinguished Economist, Answers in the Negative.

Paris, Dec. 11.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The answer of Paul Leroy Beaulieu, the French economist, to the question, "Will Europe be plunged into bankruptcy because of the war," is "No, not even Germany."

Concerning the result of the present enormous spending of money by all the nations and the conditions following the war, he forecasts the end of the war a year hence and after its end a remarkable industrial activity with an international commercial rivalry leading to high tariffs in all the nations now at war, including free trade England, and yet higher tariffs in the United States.

He said: "While such a situation has never before presented itself in history and while therefore all opinions must be given with some reserve, I am confident that no fear need be felt for a universal collapse of world finances. The destruction in this war, save possibly in the lives lost, has been exaggerated in the public mind. Not a single nation involved will be irretrievably ruined. The enduring power of accumulated wealth has been underestimated. It will take not more than ten or twelve years for the world to recover from its losses."

"I estimate that the war will have come to a close by next autumn. Then there will set in a period of manufacturing activity the like of which we have never known. This period has been made necessary by the physical damage done, by the diversion to war supplies of factories once engaged in making cloth and what not. During this reconstruction period we will work harder than formerly. There will not be the stagnation which paralyzed the Southern States after the civil war."

"Another result of the war will be the increasing taxes by each nation involved and the raising of tariffs to collect revenues. England will do like the rest, free trade country though she is, and despite her comparatively less war loss. The United States, while it will not have to, will increase her tariffs. Although Germany is suffering far more than any of the other nations, since she is fighting them all, and spending huge sums, will not be totally ruined by the war. It will, however, take her longer to recover."

"Naturally, after a couple of years of intensive manufacturing, the nations will have caught up with their old supplies, will have replenished their depleted stocks of manufactured goods, and there will come then a slowing down in industrial activity. "The United States is profiting, in a comparative sense, by the war, but it is a mistake to say she is benefited by it. No losses can be sustained by her best customers without her feeling this loss."

BIG TURKEY BUSINESS.

Allen Smith Has Handled 35,000 Since Opening of Season.

Allen Smith, a local grocer, and the biggest dealer in poultry in this section of the state, informs the Eagle that his turkey shipments this year are on a par with any former year and at the present rate may break all previous records. He states that since the latter part of October, 1915, to date he has handled between \$40,000 and \$50,000 worth of turkeys. These turkeys, we are informed, averaged about \$1.25 each, which means about 35,000 turkeys have been shipped from Bryan this season. The turkey shipments have fallen off some since Thanksgiving, but with the approach of Christmas the shipments are again growing very large.

The local express office employees have been compelled to exert themselves in handling the large number of imports and exports, but the system used by Mr. Hood, the manager, has made it possible to carry on the extensive business without delay or interruption.

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TURKEY HARVESTS FINE GRAIN CROPS

Anatolia, the Granary of Turkey, Grew Great Crops, but Transportation Difficult.

Constantinople, Dec. 11.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

—The crops in Anatolia have been successfully harvested, notwithstanding the shortage of farm help. The yield is reported a good average crop everywhere. Anatolia is the granary of Turkey, and the report that its harvest is under cover assures the capital its food supply for the winter months. The chief difficulties in the provisioning of the city are connected with transportation. The Anatolian Railway Company had been compelled, even before the war, to reduce its service somewhat, and military demands have still further reduced the available freight capacity.

The city prefecture has, however, succeeded in reaching an agreement with the war department by which regular grain shipments from Anatolia will be made. It is also hoped to secure some foreign grain in the near future, and there are no fears that a sufficient supply of grain will not be available for the capital.

A more serious question has been that of securing enough petroleum. Electric lighting was introduced in Constantinople only two years ago, and very few houses have it. Vast quantities of petroleum are used. In normal times Russia, Rumania and America were the main source of supply. Today the only source available is the Rumanian "Steaua Romana," and supplies from this company have recently been most irregular and small. The Black Sea between Rumanian and Turkish coasts is sharply watched by Russian torpedo boats destroyers, and only small quantities of oil have come through in lighters. The needs of the army have also compelled the exportation of most of the oil that has been stored up, and Rumania has now prohibited the export of oil.

Rich deposits of coal will make it possible to overcome the shortage in this fuel. With the assistance of German engineers, new mines have been recently opened up, and the coal secured is declared to be but little inferior to Cardiff coal.

Sugar, coffee, tea and other articles have risen considerably in price, but it is asserted that there is no chance of a real want of anything in Constantinople.

The Split Infinitive.

The split infinitive is the term used to designate the infinitive form of the verb that generally begins with the preposition "to," when separated by a qualifying adverb or phrase, as in the following: "To briefly designate," "to readily understand," "to suddenly and completely change front," "he knew not which to most admire," "to sweetly sing," "to humbly walk." This use is held by literary critics and grammatical purists to be highly improper, but it occurs abundantly in English literature, from the time of Shakespeare to the present day. Nearly every standard author is guilty of it, and it is very general in popular speech. The splitting of the infinitive is often dictated by a sense of rhythm, the placing of the qualifying adverb after the verb and before the weak adjunct or object which follows the verb resulting often in disharmony of rhythm or stress.

Fixing the Fairies.

Remnants of the cave men living in hidden places in the forests, avoiding the more civilized human beings about them, but seen occasionally by these, were probably the first of the fairies, according to A. E. Peake in a paper that appears in the report of the Prehistoric Society of East Anglia.

Long before the Danes came to the British Isles Ireland was infested by a people called the Danann, probably the earliest of the Celts or possibly antedating them. The word Danann, according to the London Lancet, may be rendered "fairy." They were of puny stature, but their heads were as large as ours, as is proved by the skulls found in the bogs. With their little pointed caps and their retiring ways they were only vaguely known to their neighbors, and when they died out they were dimly remembered and soon became a legend.

Cairo Street Warnings.

In oriental countries the recklessness of drivers of vehicles and their disregard for foot passengers are very marked, but in Cairo they have a series of curious cries with which they warn a footman. They specify the particular part of his anatomy which is in danger, as thus: "Look out for thy left shin, O uncle!" "Boy, have a care for the little toe on thy right foot!" "O blind beggar, look out for thy staff!" And the blind beggar, feeling his way with the staff in his right hand, at once obediently turns to the left. "O Frankish woman, look out for thy left foot!" "O burden bearer, thy load is in danger!" "O water carrier, look out for the tail end of thy pigskin water bottle!"

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Mapmaking.

Mapmaking goes back to the earliest known time. It was a branch of the early picture writing practiced by savages. In Tahiti, for instance, the natives were able to make fairly good maps for the guidance of explorers. Maps with raised lines were in use in Peru before the conquest. The oldest known map is that of the Ethiopian gold mines, dating from the time of Setbos I, the father of Ramesses II, long before the time of Aristagoras and his bronze tablet, on which were inscribed the circuit of the earth and all the seas and rivers then known.

Wanted Results.

A lady in a town in Scotland sent her servant over to the house of a sick neighbor. "Mrs. Smith," said she, "send me over the spell book yer husband was this morning." "Very bad, indeed. The doctor says he may die any minute," was the reply. "Ah, weel," said the woman, "I'll better wait a wee while. I've nae ither thing tae dae the noo."

Easy.

Customer—You have a sign in your window. "A suit of clothes made while you wait." Do you really do that? Tailor—Yes, sir. You leave your order, with a deposit, and then go home and wait until the garments are finished.—London Telegraph.

An Opening.

"There goes the chap who broke the world's record for the hundred yard dash." "I wonder if we could get him to come out to our suburb and coach us in sprinting for trains."—Pittsburgh Press.

Quite True.

Wife—Mrs. Brooks says society is hollow—that there isn't anything in anything nowadays, my dear, if you don't put something in it.—Judge.

Ecuador's Vegetable Wool.

Kapok, known in Ecuador as "lana de celba," or "vegetable wool," is a product of the largest tree that grows in the forests of the littoral, a species of the genus Eriodendron (allied to the cotton plant). The celba bears most of its branches near the top, and the appearance of its bright yellow flowers marks the approaching end of the rainless season. After the flowers fade the pods that yield the kapok of commerce are formed. These are gathered and the fiber extracted by hand. One hundred pounds of crude material yield, after cleaning, forty-five pounds of first grade kapok. Kapok is gaining in popularity in the United States, where, among the other uses to which it is put, it is employed in stuffing mattresses and sofa cushions and, it is said, has found some favor among makers of upholstery fabrics.

Illustrating the Idea.

A school inspector was examining a class in grammar and trying to elucidate the complex relations of adjectives and nouns by a telling example.

"Now, for instance," said he, "what am I?" That was an easy question, and all the children shouted: "A man!" and then looked around triumphantly. "Yes, but what else?" said the inspector.

This was not so easy, but after a pause a boy ventured to suggest: "A little man."

"Yes, but there is something more than that." This was a poser, but at last an infant phenomenon almost leaped from his seat in his eagerness and cried: "Please, sir, I know, sir—an ugly little man!"—Pearson's Weekly.

The innocent seldom find an uneasy pillow.—Cowper.

A Case of Hating Oneself.

Proprietor of a Concert Party (engaging a soprano)—Now, I want you to understand, Miss Deely, that I like my boys and girls to be one big family—no quarrelling, no jealousy.

Miss Deely—Oh, that's quite all right! I've never heard anything in the work of any other singer to give me the slightest cause for jealousy.—Kansas City Star.

The Hiding Place.

"My dear, I don't think the guests liked your caviar sandwiches."

"Why, they are all gone from the table."

"Yes, but I found most of 'em inside the grand piano."—Kansas City Journal.

Your Opportunity.

Life is merely an opportunity, and wasting it or making the most of it is merely a matter of personal choice.—Detroit Free Press.

Proved It.

Jinks—She's decidedly against vivisection. Jenks—I found it out the minute I tried to open my heart to her.—Club Fellow.

When all is holiday there are no holidays.—Charles Lamb.

Inspiring Words.

"What," asks a contemporary, "are the most inspiring words in the English language?" Much might be said on behalf of these: "Inclosed and check."—Chicago News.

Quite Easy.

Mother (annoyed)—I don't see, Elsie, how you can be so naughty. Elsie—Why, mamma, it isn't a bit hard.—Boston Transcript.

No man is a good physician who has never been sick.—Arabian.

Amazing Transformation.

One may be a speckled trout in the country and a codfish in the city, according to an observer, who believes that many country boys would do well to stay at home.

"A farmer," he said, "once caught a fine speckled trout, which he decided to present to his aunt in the city. Accordingly, he wrapped it in green leaves and placed it in a basket in the body of the wagon. As he stopped for refreshment at a roadside tavern some mischievous boys took a codfish from a nearby grocery stall and substituted it for the dandy beauty."

"Arriving in the city, he presented the fish to his aunt. 'What do you mean?' she cried. 'This isn't a trout; it's a codfish.' " "Rather crestfallen, he took it back, but on the road the boys again made a substitution, and when he showed the fish to his wife it was a speckled trout. She listened to his tale with an amused smile. 'Yes,' she said finally, 'it's like you—a speckled trout in the country and a codfish in town.' "—Exchange.

Excusable.

"Miss Short says she's only thirty, and I'd swear she's five and thirty if she's a day."

"Well, you see, I've heard she was a rather backward child, dear, and didn't learn to count till she was five."—Exchange.

Expanding.

The Old Friend—I understand that your practice is getting bigger. The Young Doctor—That's true. My patient has gained nearly two pounds in the last month.

Contempt of Court.

Defendant (in a loud voice)—Justice! Justice! I demand justice! Judge—Silence! The defendant will please remember that he is in a courtroom.—Penn State Froth.